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SUBJ: SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN

UNESCO EUROPEAN REGION

REF: STATE 232308

1. EMBASSY OFFICER PRESENTED US VIEWS ON UNESCO CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO OFFICER IN MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (GORDON) ON SEPTEMBER 21. EMBOFF NOTED THAT THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC) BE GUIDED BY THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE RELEVANT REGION IN MAKING REGIONAL ASSIGNMENTS AND THAT A REPETITION OF THE POLITICALLY-INSTRUCTED ACTION OF THE 18TH GC WOULD HAVE A SEVERE EFFECT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE USG FOR UNESCO.

2. MISS GORDON NOTED THE US POSITION AND WAS EXPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. SHE DID NOT, HOWEVER, COMMIT THE
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GOTT TO ANY CORSE OF ACTION.

3. THE GOTT HAS GENERALLY ABSTAINED OR VOTED WITH THE THIRD WORLD ON SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE MIDDLE EAST. LAST YEAR, HOWEVER, THE GOTT VOTED WITH US TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF THE ZIONISM/RACISM RESOLUTION AND MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO PERSUASION ON OTHER ISSUES WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARABS. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD COINCIDES WITH THE US POSITION AND THAT THE QUESTION MAY BE RESOLVED ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, THE GOTT MIGHT POSSIBLY SUPPORT THE US POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. WITH THIS IN MIND, AMBASSADOR WILL MAKE AN ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATION ON THIS ISSUE WHEN HE CALLS ON THE NEW MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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